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Middle East

AMERICA'S newly awakened concern over developments in the Middle East reflects the seriousness of the situation; it may also have a moderating effect on the hotheads in Egypt, Israel, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

President Eisenhower's declaration that the United States is determined to support any nation which might be subjected to aggression, though perhaps tardy in its timing, is a welcome assurance that the US does not intend to stand on the sidelines merely as a detached observer of the Israel-Arab dispute. By the same token it is necessary to appreciate that President Eisenhower must be careful in stating America's commitments. For the moment, at least, they would appear to go no further than its obligations under the United Nations charter. Nevertheless, the President's statement did not preclude action by Britain, the United States and France under the tripartite declaration of 1950.

SETTLEMENT of the Israel-Egypt quarrel through the agency of the United Nations is assuredly the most desirable of the alternatives, for this in turn could open the way for the composing of wider Middle East problems. Mr Hammarskjold assesses his present mission on those lines.

At stake is the authority of the United Nations. As members of that organisation the parties involved in the Israel-Arab dispute are pledged to respect its judgments. Unhappily there has been no cessation of border incidents since the arrival in the Middle East of Mr Hammarskjold — a disturbing indication that the contestants are not particularly interested in his mission to restore peace and order.

It is this which adds significance to President Eisenhower's policy statement which, while not immediately requesting Congress to give authority to commit American troops to repel or prevent aggression inside or outside of the machinery of the United Nations, certainly gave Congress notice that the President might seek such authority.

Another important move with its own special meaning was yesterday's meeting between Mr Foster Dulles and Congress leaders of both parties. This has brought Congress "into the act," and in consequence it, should prove necessary to ask for military commitments, Congress could not level the complaint they had been brought too late into the picture.

THE possibility of eventual action under the tripartite declaration cannot be ruled out, inasmuch that the United Nations machinery for the settlement of disputes such as that which now threatens the whole of the Middle East could be sabotaged by Soviet use of the veto in the Security Council.

Russia joined grudgingly in approval of Mr Hammarskjold's mission on behalf of the United Nations, but clearly reserved the right to vote according to her own interests should a settlement plan be laid before the Security Council in consequence of the Hammarskjold negotiations. The possibility of the United Nations being prevented from taking suitable action by a Soviet veto cannot therefore be ignored.

The Hammarskjold mission may end in failure. Everything depends on the attitude of the Egyptian and Israeli governments. But if they spurn the United Nations efforts to bring peace to the Israel-Arab borders, they must face the prospect of intervention by Britain, France and the United States. They cannot be allowed to spark a general war in the Middle East merely to satisfy their own belligerent whims.

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HE BECAME A HUMAN COCKTAIL SHAKER TO STOP HICCUPPING

New York, Apr. 10.
A 41-year-old man appears to have shaken off a five-year bout of hiccups — with the help of a patent vibrating machine and gallons of water.

The man is Harvey Hamilton. He has been hiccupping 28 times a minute each day for the last five years. He had tried every kind of treatment.

Then he heard of a Lebanese doctor in Connecticut who claimed he had helped 29 out of 30 people he treated on his vibrating machine.

Mr Hamilton went to him while his own doctor supervised the treatment.

The machine looked like a giant pair of scales. It vibrated from side to side and up and down. The patient stood on the machine and drank as many glasses of water as he could manage.

Mr Hamilton stepped on. He was thoroughly vibrated for several days and after a few weeks' treatment, the hiccups stopped. —United Press.

JACK WARNER ROBBERY: TWO BRITONS SENTENCED

Paris, Apr. 10.
The last chapter in the 1953 theft of money from the Riviera home of American film magnate, Jack Warner, was written today when two Britons were sentenced to prison terms in absentia.

Camby Waterfield, believed to be the principal party to the theft, was sentenced to four years, and Robert Mackiewicz, was given three years. A third Briton, Leslie Ives, who was the only one to appear in court, was discharged.

The story began on August 31, 1953. Then Warner's daughter gave a surprise party in his villa overlooking Juan-les-Pins. When Warner returned two days later, he found the key of his safe missing.

The spokesman said the broadsheet, made early this morning, was an admission of Egyptian responsibility for the raids and quoted it as saying the commando attacks meant the war was not confined to border attacks but "has reached the heart of Israel."

Syrian patrols opened heavy fire on an Israeli patrol which crossed the armistice line into Syrian territory in the Zawiya area last night, a Syrian military spokesman said today.

He said the Israelis left behind a quantity of ammunition and grenades when they retreated. This was handed over today to United Nations truce observers who went to the scene, near the Sea of Galilee.

It was the second time within a week that Syrian military spokesmen had reported Israeli attacks in the area. Two Syrian soldiers were wounded in the earlier clash but Israeli casualties were not known.

Cairo's Warning
★ CAIRO: An Israeli patrol crossed the armistice line in the Deir El Balah area south of Gaza during the night and exchanged automatic fire with Egyptian positions for half an hour, an Egyptian military spokesman said today.

He said the Israeli patrol withdrew. There were no casualties on the Egyptian side. Major-General Abdel Halim Amer, Egypt's War Minister and Commander-in-Chief, said today: "Egypt wants to live and work in peace."

"We want our people to enjoy a secure and prosperous life. We shall not allow anybody to stand in the way on our road to happiness and prosperity."

He added: "Egypt's army will teach anyone who tries to trespass our land an unforgettable lesson."

Egyptian - manned Russian MIG jet fighters whistled overhead as General Amer told the cadets: "You are the vanguard of our defence." —Reuter.

Cobra Kills Charmer, Starts Train Stampede

Marseilles, Apr. 10.
A snake-charmer was killed by one of his own hooded cobras today after it escaped from its cage aboard an express train and caused a stampede among the passengers.

The snake-charmer, identified as Mohamed Ben Dmorin, opened the cage to feed his two cobras their daily milk as the express rolled into the station at Marseilles.

A cobra suddenly darted into the aisle.

Passengers stampeded in all directions as the cobra tried to coax his pet back into the cage.

But it bit him on the hand and he died later in hospital.

The cobras, back in their cage, were waiting at police headquarters while officials puzzled over their fate. —France-Press.

KOREAN BORDER CLASH Red Attack Alleged

Seoul, Apr. 11.
The South Korean Government announced today "more than five" Communist soldiers early yesterday morning crossed the demarcation line and attacked a South Korean army position north of Seoul.

The Government announcement, released through the Office of Public Information, said the Communist soldiers and South Korean defenders exchanged fire for one hour and ten minutes from 2 a.m. yesterday.

The announcement said the Communist attackers withdrew to North Korea at about 4 a.m. The Government said there were no casualties on either side.

A spokesman for the U.S. Eighth Army said he had not been informed of the incident, but said the Army was checking.

A spokesman for the United Nations Military Armistice Commission said he had not heard about the incident either.

Fired 40 Rounds
The announcement did not identify the Korean army unit whose position was attacked nor the exact location where the incident took place.

The announcement said the Communist attackers fired about 40 rounds of rifle ammunition while South Korean defenders fired about 30 during the raid.

The Government said the attacking Communist soldiers were believed to be Chinese.

The Government said it had testimony of one unidentified American Army officer and one also unidentified Australian Army officer who were near the scene and had observed the fight. —Reuter.

Arms Find
Nicola, Apr. 10.
British troops today found a quantity of gunpowder, two bombs, an old pistol, some percussion caps, and a cartridge filling machine in a house in a suburb of Nicola. Eleven men have been detained for further questioning. —France-Press.

Absolute Majority In Ceylon Election

Colombo, Apr. 11.
The People's United Front has gained an absolute majority in the Ceylon parliament.

It had won 50 elective seats in the 101 member parliament early this morning and it has the right to choose members for six seats to be filled through nominations.

The party position in the Ceylon general election today was: People's United Front 50, Trotskyite 11, United National Party eight, Independents three, Federal Party three, Communists two, Tamil Resistance Front one: Total 78.

Huge Majority
Mr Bandaranaike retained his seat with a majority of 4,997 votes over his United National Party rival.

Sir John Kotelawala is expected to resign as Premier tomorrow. His United National Party has suffered a crushing defeat and has so far been unable to add a single seat to the eight it won in the first round of the polling on April 6.

The ruling party has lost eight of its ministers and five parliamentary secretaries in the election. —Reuter.

SO THE PARROT PHONED UP

Dublin, Apr. 10.
A highly-talented parrot, who fled from his cage last week, came back home today after contacting his owners by telephone.

The parrot, known as "Keeto" apparently became homesick after several days' freedom and flew into a strange house several miles from his own which he shared with the Jonathan Bailey family.

"Keeto" quickly identified himself to his finders and gave them the telephone number of the Bailey family.

Mrs Bailey, after claiming Keeto, told reporters she had spent hours teaching him to repeat his name and phone number "just in case."

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BRITAIN SUPPORTS VIETNAM CLAIM

London, Apr. 10.
Britain has told Russia it does not consider South Vietnam bound by the Indo-China armistice agreements to hold joint elections with the Communist North to reunite the country.

A British note delivered in Moscow earlier and published tonight sharply rejected a Soviet allegation that a military buildup was taking place in South Vietnam.

It said Forces in the South had been reduced by 100,000 French troops and 20,000 Vietnamese since the armistice.

The note counter-charged that the Communist Vietnamese army had been increased from seven to 20 divisions since the armistice was negotiated in Geneva in July 1954.

The armistice — temporarily partitioning the country across the 17th parallel — was signed by France and North Vietnam.

A separate Geneva conference declaration stipulated that elections should be held to reunite the country in July this year.

IMPOSSIBLE
But South Vietnam is refusing to hold the election. It says that a free poll would not be possible in the Communist North and that since it disavowed the Geneva agreements it is not legally bound by them.

Official sources said the note set out the line the Marquess of Reading, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, will take tomorrow when he meets Mr. Andrei Gromyko, deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, for talks about the Indo-China situation.

Britain has for months been urging South Vietnam to agree to the election. It was the first time that it had formally stated the view that South Vietnam was not legally obliged to agree.

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OPPOSITION FOR BEVAN

London, Apr. 10.
Mr Aneurin Bevan, the leading Labour left-winger, now faces two challengers in a new bid this autumn for the honorary treasurer's post of the party.

They are Mr George Brown, former minister and chairman of the powerful Trade Union group of Labour Members of

Parliament, and Mr Charles Pannell, Secretary of the group. Mr Brown is nominated by his local constituency, and Mr Pannell by the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which provides 630,000 of the Labour Party's members.

Present treasurer of the party is Mr Hugh Gifford, the new

Labour leader, but he is "doubting" the two posts only until a successor as Treasurer is appointed at Labour's next annual delegate conference.

Before he became leader, Mr Gifford, a staunch "right-winger" twice heavily defeated Mr Bevan in fights for the Treasurer's post. —Reuter.

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'SEW(Y)ER' AT IT AGAIN

Genoa, Apr. 10. Strange sounds coming from the pavement in front of a jewellery shop aroused the curiosity of passersby yesterday afternoon.

Someone called the police.

Officers blocked off the entrance to Genoa's sewer system while patrols with flashlights explored the underground.

Beneath the jewellers they found 76-year-old Ezio Gazzano patiently working by candlelight at the task of boring a hole into the shop.

The police greeted Gazzano, "king of the sewers," as an old friend. He has spent more than half his life in their custody.—United Press.

Process Prevents Much Water Evaporation

Dallas, Apr. 10. A young Australian scientist here for the American Chemical Society convention told today of a process that prevents water evaporation by as much as 45 per cent.

The scientist, W. W. Mansfield, of the Commonwealth of Industrial Research Organisation of Australia, said the process might save Texas alone more than \$100 million on its water bill.

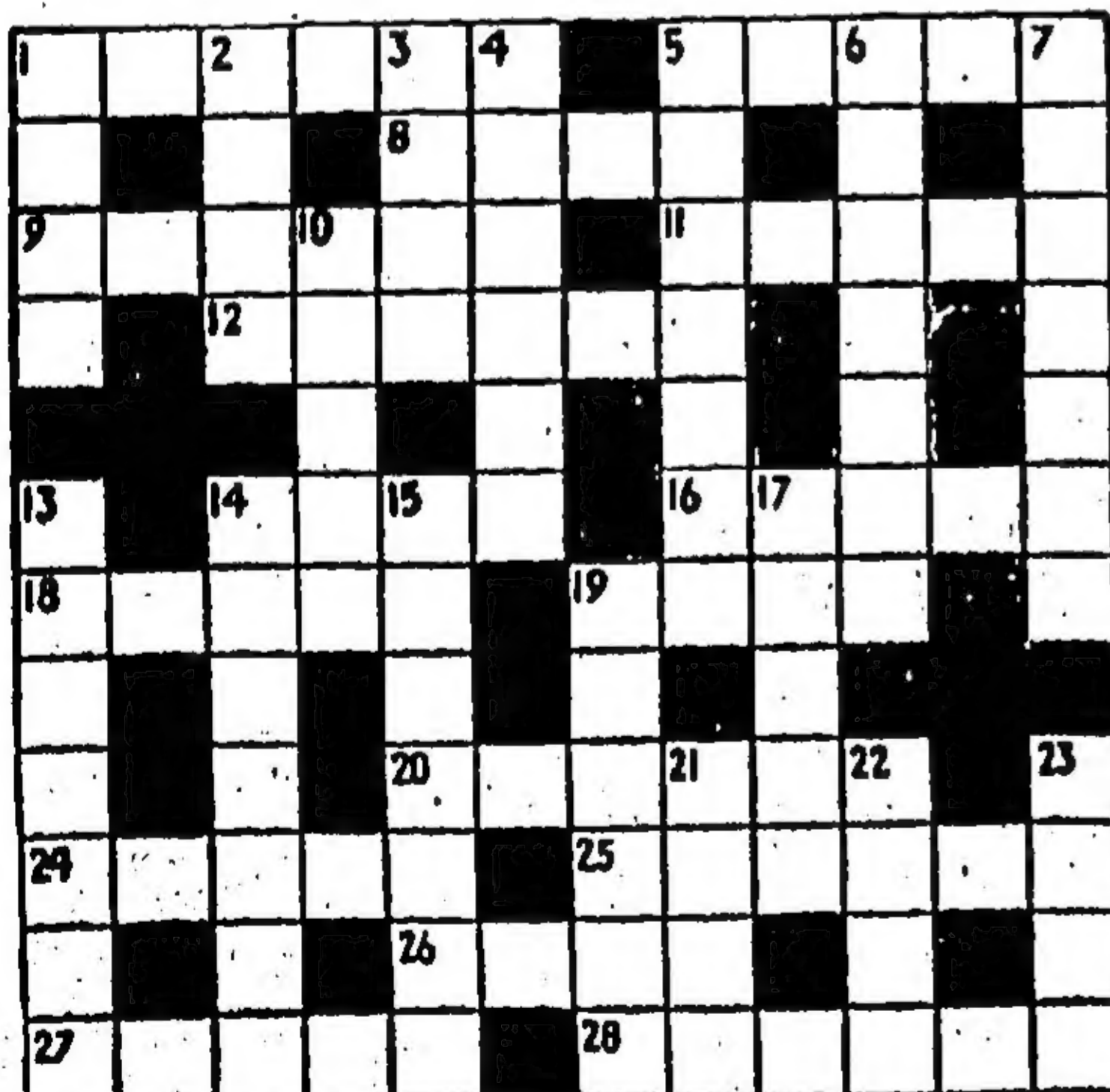
Mr Mansfield predicted that methods used to check water evaporation in his country would be successful in the United States.

DEMONSTRATION

He said that by using hexadecanol, a thin, fatty chemical film, the evaporation rate could be cut by 45 per cent. This would result in a saving of about \$112.6 million for Texas, since the state loses some 7.5 million acre feet a year to evaporation.

Mansfield's process will be demonstrated in San Antonio at the first international conference on water evaporation, sponsored by the Southwest Research Institute.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Request for repulsion (6).
5 Equipped (5).
8 Allments (4).
9 Fit for consumption (6).
11 Heals (5).
12 Adult (3).
14 Broad smile (4).
16 Bundles (5).
18 Umpire (5).
19 Depend (4).
20 Second performance (6).
24 Farewell (5).
25 Stop (3).
26 Platform (4).
27 Bird (3).
28 Reposed (6).

DOWN
1 Always (4).
2 Smart (4).
3 Vex (4).
4 Team (5).
5 Impulse (7).
6 Gaily (7).
7 Sack (7).
10 Brassy noise (5).
12 Stir up (7).
14 Obtaining (7).
15 Trespass (7).
17 Church table (5).
19 Menu (4).
21 Highland ghella (4).
22 Try out (4).
23 Does (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Cocker, 4 Appel, 7 Armada, 8 Haags, 10 Gals, 12 Invites, 15 Event, 16 Safe, 17 Halo, 19 Fever, 20 Standby, 21 Ease, 23 Topic, 24 Gambit, 25 Usage, 26 Dodged, 27 Power, 1 Chargers, 2 Complete, 3 Ends, 5 Phases, 6 Andes, 9 Inter, 11 Awaiting, 12 Inter, 13 Terrible, 14 Selected, 15 Allow, 22 Bala.

MALENKOV Tass Drops Hint: Desire To Talk With The People

London, Apr. 10. Russian officials gave a broad hint here today that Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, top Soviet leaders, are determined to meet the ordinary men and women in Britain when they come here on an official visit next week.

They have already protested publicly that the programme planned for them by the British Government keeps them from contact with the "ordinary people."

Today the London office of Tass, the official Soviet news agency, issued biographies of the two Soviet statesmen.

Official Profile

The official profile of Mr Khrushchev is his desire to see everything with his own eyes, to know personally the people working in different industries, to see a country and people with his own eyes, to talk to people from state-to-state down to the ordinary man in town or village—this is Mr Khrushchev's approach when dealing with questions of an international nature, when working to defend peace.

Detectives detailed to guard them are being warned that the Kremlin leaders will probably want to go walking in the busy streets of London between official engagements, or stop their cars to get out and talk to strangers everywhere they go.

This is what Mr George Malenkov, former Soviet Prime Minister, did during his recent visit to Britain.

Time and again the British detectives detailed to guard him had to struggle through crowds to get to his side.

No Objection

There is no political objection here to Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev doing the same. The danger working police and Foreign Office officials is that somewhere in the crowds there might be a fanatic who would attack the Soviet leaders.

Some British newspapers claimed today that members of the British Communist Party were ordered to write letters in which Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev to their homes and factories.

This laid the foundation for the Soviet propaganda allegations that Britain wanted to keep the Russian leaders fenced off from the ordinary people.

Morrison's Views On Malaya

Calcutta, Apr. 10. Mr Herbert Morrison, a leading member of the British Labour Party said here today that the Malayan Communists continued to pose a serious problem to the administration despite the brave efforts of the army and the police to curb the menace.

However, public support in fighting Communist terrorism in Malaya has been increasing, he added.

Mr Morrison said opinion in Malaya was agreed on the principle of self-government, but there was also a feeling that, by agreement Britain should remain in charge of Malaya's external affairs and defence.

Able Administration

One of the main problems of the Malayan Government was to be able to develop an able administration with the best administrative and technical talent available locally.

He said the Government would have to decide whether to retain British members of the administrative services and whether, for their part, those Britons would want to continue to serve in the new "setup."

As regards Singapore Mr Morrison said the terrorist problem there had virtually ceased though they still obtained help from "friends" in Singapore.—Reuter.

Mr Percy Daines, a Labour member of Parliament, will suggest to Sir Anthony Eden in the House of Commons this week that he challenge the Russians to let him go to Moscow with the same facilities they are being given here.

The Daily Mail printed a cartoon today showing the two Russian statesmen approaching London with beaming smiles and outstretched arms. Behind them were Soviet barbed wire camps crowded with prisoners.

Navy Welcome

The Royal Navy announced today that a series of gun salutes will be fired from warships to greet Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev when they arrive at Portsmouth on Wednesday aboard the Soviet cruiser Ordzhonikidze. A Naval band and a guard of honour will welcome the Russian leaders on the quayside.—Reuter.

THAI EXILES RETURN TO FACE TRIAL

Bangkok, Apr. 10. Two Thai exiles who have been in China with the former Thai Premier Pridi Panomyong, today returned to Bangkok to contest charges held against them since 1947.

They were Police Captain Chialab and Police Corporal Chom Saeng Ngern, who escaped from Thailand immediately after the coup of November 8, 1947. Chialab was then chief of the political police in the Criminal Investigation Department under the Thammongkorn Government which was overthrown in the coup.

A-Experiments

JAPANESE REASSURED

London, Apr. 10. Britain has given assurances to the Japanese Government regarding the forthcoming British atomic bomb experiments, it was learned from informed sources here today.

Minister of State to the Foreign Office, the Marquis of Reading, who received Japanese Ambassador Haruhiko Nishii today, handed to Mr Nishii the British reply to the Japanese note of March 9 in which anxiety was expressed about the effect which the nuclear explosion might have on fish and fishermen.

The informed source said the British note assured the Japanese that every precaution would be taken to avoid possible accidents.

The British Admiralty has already given warning to the Tokyo authorities of the coming explosion, asking them to warn Japanese fishermen who might be in the area at the time.—France-Press.

TRUMAN NERVOUS

Kansas City, Apr. 10. Former President Truman told newsmen today he and Mrs Truman will sail for a European vacation on May 11.

They will visit Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and England.

He said they will not go to the eastern Mediterranean countries because of the current unrest there.

"We think it best under the circumstances not to try to visit there on this trip," he said.

But he wanted it understood he remained deeply interested in that area.

Mr Truman indicated he was nervous about the forthcoming marriage of his daughter, as most fathers are.

He was asked if he would be scared.

"Have you ever been on the front under artillery fire?" he replied.—United Press.

QUEEN'S GIFT TO PRINCE AND GRACE

London, Apr. 10. Queen Elizabeth is giving a silver gilt tray, suitably inscribed, as a wedding present to Prince Rainier of Monaco and American film actress, Grace Kelly, it was learned from a well-informed source here tonight.

The gift will be handed personally to the happy couple on April 18 by the British sovereign's chief representative, Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps.

The United States liner Constitution, carrying film star Grace Kelly, arrived off Algiers today amid the greatest excitement this little port has seen in more than 40 years.

The liner was greeted by grey skies, a sharp wind from the African coast, and hordes of journalists from all corners of the world, who had been waiting for more than 24 hours for the ship to arrive. Miss Kelly did not appear on deck because of the bad weather. Journalists went out to the ship to pick up news items, photographs and even recordings accumulated during the trans-Atlantic voyage of the future Princess.

German Troops Train With US Guns



At the Hardberg, near the capital of the Federal German Republic, troops of the new West German Army are seen at target practice with US-manufactured machine guns.—Express Photo.

Grave Charges Against Soldiers

Algiers, Apr. 10. A lieutenant and a soldier from the Algerian security forces today faced a military tribunal on charges of treasonably passing information to the rebels and inciting their fellow troops to desert.

One of the accused, Lieutenant Taouil of the 5th Regiment of Chasseurs Africains (Light Cavalry) reportedly confessed to passing military information to the rebels and supplying lists of officers and men likely to co-operate with them.

The soldier was Pierre Khalifa, who was accused of distributing Communist literature to the troops, inciting them to desert.

Lieutenant Taouil's nephew, son of a Caid in Southern Oran, also faced a treason charge for inciting his uncle to treasonable activities. The hearing was still going on tonight.—France-Press.

Last French Parade In Indo-China

Saigon, Apr. 10. TROOPS of the French Expeditionary Corps in Indo-China paraded through Saigon for the last time today. A company of paratroopers represented the Vietnamese national army in the march-past.

The ceremony, which was watched by large crowds, was attended by General Pierre Jacquot, the French Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Albert Jozan, French naval commander in the Far East, Ambassador Henri Hoppenot, the French High Commissioner, Tran Trung Dung, Vietnamese Assistant Secretary of State for Defence, three Vietnamese generals and members of the diplomatic corps.

The streets were decorated with the French and Vietnamese national colours, and the ceremony began with a tribute to those who died in the Indo-China war.

In an order of the day to the French troops, M. Hoppenot stressed: "It is to the battles which you fought side by side with your Vietnamese comrades that the Republic of Vietnam owes its freedom."

The evacuation of the Expeditionary Corps is to be completed by June 30.—France-Press.

De Tassigny's Father Dies Aged 101

Paris, Apr. 10. Roger de Lattre de Tassigny, father of Marshal Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, one-time French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, who died in 1952, died today at the age of 101.

Roger de Lattre de Tassigny, the Marshal's father, died in the village of Moulleau-en-Paredes, ancestral home of his family, of which he was Mayor. He was one of the oldest Mayors in France.

During the last years of his life, the old man, who was blind, suffered the loss of his grandson, Bernard, son of the Marshal, who was killed in Indo-China. A year later, Marshal de Lattre Tassigny died in France during a hurried visit from Indo-China.

Roger de Lattre was a close friend of Georges Clemenceau, famous French Premier during the 1914-18 War.—France-Press.

Refugee Rehabilitation VIETNAM RACING AGAINST TIME

Saigon, Apr. 10. Officials helping to establish the 85,000 refugees who fled from North Vietnam hope to have large numbers of the refugees established on their own land and the ground ploughed ready for planting by the time the rains come in May.

If they fail, it will set the programme back at least a year because of the rigid cycle imposed by the wet and dry seasons in Vietnam.

Plantings must be carried out in the wet season, when the rice-growing plains of South Vietnam become fruitful, while construction must be done in the dry season when the peasants do not have to work so hard in the fields and materials and transport can use the roads, which are morasses in the wet.

Terrorists Strike

Progress with resettlement has, however, been hampered by terrorists who have struck at refugee villages in the districts northeast of Saigon. In six weeks from the beginning of February, they burned down 3,000 bamboo homes in five villages and made an estimated 15,000 people homeless.

Bishop Joseph Harnett, the American Catholic leader of the Vietnam Mission Catholic Relief Services, the leading non-Government organisation in refugee resettlement, said that the fires were part of the Vietminh attempts to break the spirit of the refugees.

This campaign, he said, had first of all taken the form of trying to persuade them not to leave their homes in the north and come to South Vietnam by telling them that they would be made slaves in French rubber plantations. Now, they are burning down villages in an attempt to stir up trouble and possibly thwart the resettlement campaign.

Progress Made

Nevertheless, progress is being made with resettlement. All the 85,000 refugees have been housed, according to the Bishop, and many have their own gardens. Some have been allotted, or have received under the reform laws, land for growing rice. Some have even harvested the first crops from their new holdings.

In the area southwest of Saigon, the Government of South Vietnam has begun the first large-scale resettlement of refugees which, it is hoped, will bring into production abandoned ricefields which were once the granary of the region.

Just Free

This area was under Vietminh control during the war and was a battleground between the French and the Vietminh. After the Geneva settlement, the area became a Vietnamese re-grouping



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Nathaniel Gubbins

YOU can count me among the millions of people who don't feel a bit sorry for Archbishop Makarios.

If the Government would care to kidnap me and carry me off to the lovely, remote Seychelles with free accommodation, free grub, free drinks, and pocket money, I would feel grateful to a government for the first time in my life.

But then I am not a holy man poking my nose into politics, so I shall have to go on working for my living.

Mr. Julian Amery, M.P., said in the House of Commons that the only hardship inflicted on the Turks would be living in the same house with another bishop.

This either means that the Bishop of Kyrenia is a lethal bore, or that these two Christian gentlemen hate the sight of each other, which is a most agreeable and deplorable thing to happen between two Christian gentlemen.

In my view real hardship will be both bishops when the Seychelles, almost unknown up to now, becomes the fashionable holiday spot for the play-boys of the West, and the rigours of the credit squeeze.

When that happens those who have been exposing their unbecoming bodies on the beaches of Naxos will expose them on the beaches of the Seychelles in full view of the world.

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It will be even worse when the tourists arrive with guide books and cameras and munching candy floss, for cream pastries will open up all over the place, and a huge red and paper bags will litter the beaches.

There will be cars with puke boxes, enormous women in frocks and corset garters, and hundreds of children kicking and kicking down the beach.

Later, in all the Christian homes, the old ladies will be talking about the Cyprus problem, by perceiving Mr. Butler to open a holiday camp right outside the house where the lights are hating each other. After a great deal of talking, the old ladies will be talking about the Cyprus problem, by perceiving Mr. Butler to open a holiday camp right outside the house where the lights are hating each other.

Girl watchers
DO you want to know a girl's most secret thoughts, come

so secret she doesn't know she's thinking them? If you're that kind of man you can become an expert girl watcher this spring by absorbing the information given by a "leading psychiatrist" writing for a newspaper.

The psychiatrist offers the case of a girl "happy enough during the winter doing a boring job in a solicitor's office." But when the spring comes she puts flowers and photographs on her desk.

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If the solicitor, with his mind on more important matters, notices this at all he thinks she is just putting flowers and photographs on her desk.

But the clever mind doctor knows better. This forward girl is subconsciously obeying the nesting instinct. If the solicitor is young and interesting he had better watch out. It may be a nest for him.

At this time of the year a girl can't even leave a handbag in a train without unwittingly obeying some other mating instinct, though it's difficult to see what her funny little mind is brooding about unless it's an affair with a porter at the lost-property office.

If she accepts a ride in a car with a man friend she is not going for an innocent drive in the

country. While he chatters away about clean sports she imagines she's a "slave girl being scooped up on an Arab sheik's horse as he gallops across the desert."

Even if she watches guardsmen on parade it's only because she wants to be near a lot of men; and if she becomes a nurse it's only because she wants to be even nearer "to soothe their brows."

If this is true nurses must be very cross indeed when they are appointed to wards full of female nonagenarians.

In the spring factory girls stamping milk bottle tops are not stamping milk bottle tops at all. They are dressed by Dior, having dinner with Gregory Peck by candle light. When Gregory grabs them roughly by the shoulder and says "You're my woman," we can count ourselves lucky they're not stamping eggs.

One of the strangest girls discovered by the psychiatrist is the one "proudly hanging on to the arm of a man about as handsome as a hermit crab." His explanation is that she can "climb out of her shell" and make the hermit crab look like a film star.

But he says a thing about what happens if they marry and how she feels about it in the autumn when he looks like a hermit crab again.

Fun with the stars

THE old couple were sitting by the fire reading their birthday luck as presented by the newspaper astrologers.

"I see you're going to have another romance this year," said the old lady. "You're not doing so badly for 81."

"All paper talk," said the old man.

"I'm not so sure about that," said the old lady. "Even now I wouldn't trust you farther than I can see you. Another paper says you've got to turn on that charm."

"What for?" asked the old man.

"Because you're advised to arrange a date as a romantic encounter is likely."

"Well, fancy that," said the old man. "You stars say there's an exciting surprise for you this evening."

"That'll be the washing up I forgot to do this morning," said the old lady. "I never get any romance in my horoscope." "Oh, I don't know," said the old man. "Only yesterday they

said you influence in the opposite sex was marked."

"That's when I made you buy a new pair of trousers. You wouldn't make many dates with the old ones."

"Want any stamps or letters posted?" asked the old man.

"I knew it was the postmistress," said the old lady. "She must be the vivacious companion you're going to meet on a cruise. No wonder you wanted separate holidays this year."

"It's always as well to have stamps in the house," said the old man, reaching for his stick.

"You stars warn you," said the old lady. "That mention of past achievement will not impress others."

"What of it?" asked the old man.

"It's another way of saying don't tell the postmistress about what you did in the Boer War," said the old lady. "or you might have to spend your holidays with me after all."

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FOLLOWING THE FLAG

EIGHT thousand miles from New York I got my first glimpse of the flag that I am following round the world.

We circled over the airport at the Fiji Islands after the long hop from Honolulu and then came in to a perfect landing in the Qantas Super-G-Constellation (everything about Qantas, the Australian overseas airline, is pretty perfect), and there was the Union Jack.

Fiji Islanders were lined up, barefoot, wearing crisp white huplaphs, which are a sort of male sarong, and within five minutes I

was having my first glass of Australian beer. It is cold, potent — a beer with body.

The Australian next to me at the bar — he was outward bound for Hawaii — asked what my plans were, and I told him.

He took out of his pocket a clipping from the letters column of Time magazine, and said: "Read this — that's my view and the view of most Australians."

A new page

I READ: "The British Empire and the British Commonwealth and the British dream are not rotten or dying or disintegrating... in the terms of history the British Commonwealth is writing a page of history of a greatness never conceived by man before."

If Sydney and Australia are any example, and they are, the man is right.

Sydney surpasses my expectations. Here is a magnificent metropolis set on a superb harbour, a fine, becoming city which is growing day by day, the restless home of nearly 2,000,000 Australians who are determined to make their country a Great Power.

The centre of Sydney, with its big stores and arcades, has a British stamp, and I have not seen much of the touted "Americanisation," though the sweep of beaches around the city reminds me of California.

It is a mistake to talk of Sydney being like a British town or an American town—it has its own special personality and flavour, distinctively Australian.

And the Australians themselves, who have actually a higher percentage of British blood than the British in the United Kingdom, have their own special personality and flavour. They are warm-hearted, ebullient, extravagantly hospitable and generous, and they are all tremendous boosters for Australia.

They say: "There is everything here," and they are correct.

Dynamism

I WENT to the offices of the Sydney Telegraph, which publishes my American Diary, and Miller, the Sunday editor, said: "There is a new dynamism here—great drive and vigour, something like Texas."

And Frank Walker, the Government official from the Immigration Department, who has been my tireless escort, says: "Australia is going ahead. Nothing can halt it—it is getting the people."

If we can get the people! It is the population that the Immigration Department, who has been my tireless escort, says: "Australia is going ahead. Nothing can halt it—it is getting the people."

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WITH Don Iddon's Diary POPULATE OR PERISH

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The Governor-General, General Bill Slim, says: "Populate or perish." The Australians know it. Not perish in an economic sense, but perish in a cold war that could become hotter.

So, to meet the great challenge, the Australian Government is carrying out the biggest immigration plan in history. Since the war 1,000,000 "New Australians" or migrants (an ugly word) have come to the Commonwealth. Half of them are British, and the target for this year is 500 British a week.

'Too much'

AUSTRALIAN officials tell me: "We'd like everyone who comes to settle here to be British, but that's too much to hope for."

Harold Holt, the Minister for Immigration, says: "For Australia, with a British heritage, it's important that the predominantly British character of the population be preserved."

Who said the British Commonwealth was breaking up, dissolving, disappearing, and being reduced to remnants? Every possible inducement is being offered to get new, sound, stable Australians — housing, camps, fares paid, jobs found, trades taught, languages learned — and the plan is succeeding and paying off.

Dutch, Italians, Western Europeans, yes, and Germans, are coming here by the tens of thousands and finding new life and hope.

The Government does not want Little Italys or Little German towns, and is splitting up the racial groups, as much as possible and making them into the Australian mould.

From what I have seen the "New Australians" are settling well. By European standards their wages are enormous—the basic Australian salary is over £12 a week, and the average wage is over £16.

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He wrote home and told his parents, and they didn't believe him. Now he sends his wage cheque with the overtime slip to prove it.

Money has flowed into the country in prodigious quantities and one pound of wool was being sold for as much as one Australian pound—a pound for a pound—not so long ago.

The Menzies Government has become worried and Australia today is waging the same fight as Britain—the battle against inflation. The big topic here, apart from the weather, which has been most un-Australian—it has rained almost solidly for the past eight weeks—are the new anti-inflation measures which Mr. Menzies introduced recently.

Australians cannot do enough for the visiting Englishman so long as he is not stuffed, starved, and suffering from delusions of superiority.

This is a wide-open, free-wheeling, lively, and lusty land and I wish I were here longer. Come to think of it—I might become a "New Australian" though not, please, a migrant.

More Taxes

MANY people in Sydney, and probably elsewhere, are damning Menzies over their beer, which is now costing them 1s. 2½d. for a 10oz. glass. Of this price 7½d. goes in taxes.

But not only have the taxes on beer gone up. Almost all forms of credit have been curtailed. Taxes have been slapped on motor-cars, tobacco, spirits, cosmetics, jewellery, gramophone records, and many other things which make Australian life worth living.

Frank Packer, the owner of the Sydney Telegraph, and many other publications, and one of the most dynamic of all the dynamic Australians, told me:

"It's a curious thing about Government experts: they're supposed to be able to handle everything, and have solutions for anything they or anyone else can dream up, but prosperity, the big boom, really has them in a tangle."

Mr. Packer thinks some financial restrictions regarding foreign capital are looking to Australia.

He pointed out that more foreign capital is invested in Canada than in Australia, and that the average six months' pay expenditure and production, since the

been invested in Australia in all the years since the war.

Packer says: "That's not good enough." After our talk he gave me the run of his newspaper office—"Use it as your own." Australians are like that.

I have been offered so many things—cars, flats, even a horse—to use as my own that I have been slightly overwhelmed.

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"PEERLESS" JIM THEY CALLED DRISCOLL AND PEERLESS HE WAS IN HIS CRAFT

By C. B. THOMAS

"Peerless" Jim they called the Cardiff-born Jim Driscoll, and peerless he was in his craft. His scientific skill in the ring has never been surpassed by anybody in the world.

With his black curly hair, grey-blue eyes and beautiful body, he was a Greek god in miniature.

Jim Driscoll was born in a Cardiff house on December 15, 1880. After leaving school, he was employed at the printing works of a local newspaper, and from then until the age of eighteen he "played" at boxing amongst the amateurs, making a sizable collection of cups and trophies.

But with a widowed mother to support Jim soon saw the financial advantages of putting his talents in a professional arena. He went under the guidance of Bob Downey, who owned a gymnasium in Cardiff where Jim first trained, and Albert Shirley.

A glutton for gym work, Driscoll invariably finished his exhausting training sessions by walking right round the room on his hands.

But it was in the boxing booth that Jim perfected his supreme ring technique, for a couple of years travelling around with both owner Professor Harry Cullis.

I remember his sessions with a 15-stone navy when the booth was closed during the daytime.

FULL RECOGNITION

Driscoll loved the booth life when he was not engaged in preparation for a big contest. Then, he trained at the Badminton Club, Cardiff. But not until 1900, when he was 20, did Jim get full recognition as champion. He came out after his second contest with top-notch Johnny Summers, afterwards Feather, Light and Welterweight Champion.

Matched with Bantam Champion Joe Bowker, winner over the famous Teddy Palmer, Jim took a fifteen-round points decision at the National Sporting Club, London, and national fame.

But back home in Wales, the victory was rather different, particularly in the "British Volunteer" in Cardiff, a tavern used by all sportsmen.

With pretty brunette Edie Wilshire, behind the bar, Jim Driscoll for some time had been pressing a very romantic suit. But mine host, Bob Wilshire, didn't approve.

"I've never liked you hanging about Edie," said Bob, and what more—if the best you're capable of is beating Joe Bowker, on points, you can forget her altogether!

Old man Wilshire thought he had set an impossible standard for Driscoll—to beat a reigning Champion was not enough. But Driscoll made up his mind at once.

"I'll take Bowker," he declared, "BY A KNOCK-OUT—then I'll take Edie!" He did, too.

On the eve of Derby Day, 1907, Jim knocked out Bowker for the first time in the Champion's career. Soon afterwards the new Champion led Edie to the altar at St David's Church, Cardiff.

Driscoll's career is book length. Here, I can only mention

certain highlights, such as his trip to America—and his return. When he landed in New York he was met by famous American manager Charles Harvey, who had seen Driscoll box at home. Harvey had so publicised the arrival that the quayside was packed with Pressmen and boxing experts.

Jim's two "cushion" ears caused some ribald comment from the gathering and loud doubts as to his actual fighting ability. But his first fight had them all sitting up.

WON EVERY ROUND
In quick succession Jim disposed of Matty Baldwin (twice), Grover Rogers (twice) and Charlie Griffin, Featherweight Champion of Australia and New Zealand. Soon, all America's Press was demanding a pairing with Abe Attell, Featherweight Champion of the world.

Abe fought shy for a long time. Eventually, under great pressure, he agreed to a ten-round no-decision bout, but remarking: "There can only be one Champion. I'll stand by what the newspaper guys say when it's over."

Even the terrific amount of betting was to be settled in the same way by the newspapermen's verdict.
To train for that important fight Driscoll had three other fights, one a week, over six rounds, ten and ten. And on the great night he outpointed the Champion in every round.

The Press was unanimous. The next morning only one man in New York recognised Abe Attell as World Champion. That was Abe himself.

Now the huge purse offers poured in from everywhere, but the jubilant Harvey, bursting in for fortune, kid, "Well make a fortune, kid!" was asked to find him packing for home.

All Charles Harvey's entreaties and proofs of big money waiting to be picked up could not detain the Welshman.
"I promised to box on the charity show for Nazareth House," he informed the flabbergasted manager. "I've got to be there."

"Where's the contract?" yelled Harvey. "Don't worry—I can break that!"

"You don't understand," answered Peerless Jim. "I promised to be there."

VERBAL PROMISE
And so, to fulfil a verbal promise made to box for charity, the Welshman turned his back on fortune and sailed home, uncrowned king of the World Featherweights. That's the sort of man Jim Driscoll was.

Which is why the agitation that got him in the ring with Freddy Welsh was so appalling. For years the two boxers had been firm friends, but their various supporters had "mixed it" so much that there had to be a showdown. Five days

before Christmas, 1910, the greatest tragedy in modern Welsh ring history was enacted. By the seventh round, with Welsh using robust tactics, Driscoll was appealing to Percy Bettinson, refereeing from outside the ring. He was told "Box on!"

In the end it was intolerable, and by the tenth both men were viciously butting.

Driscoll came off worst, for Bettinson, jumping into the ring, caught Jim giving the final butt and disqualified him. It was his first time in his long and honourable career, and Jim took it hard.

The scenes around the ring-side were unforgettable—and unforgivable. Faithful henchmen Boyo Driscoll and Badger O'Brien were scrapping

tigerishly.
And in the resultant confusion "the boys" were busy cleaning out the pockets of the fans. The whole affair was sickening.

After three more fights Driscoll, then having bouts of illness, stood one day. "I've got more, good fight left in me. Get me a match with Johnny Kilbane (World Champion after Attell) and I'll be satisfied." (Jim was then 32).

The fight did not materialise. The 1914-15 war day. Driscoll served in the Welsh Horse.

After the war, Jim was persuaded to return to the ring. That fight with the French tiger Charles Ledoux at the National Sporting Club on October 20, 1919, made ring history.

WITHOUT LUSTRE
Driscoll, 39 years old, was ring-worn, ill in body. Peerless still, but without lustre. Yet still so brilliant that he was consummate master for fifteen rounds in which the tiger could not get within claw reach. In the sixteenth—disaster!

A right caught Jim, buckled his legs, and his face was suddenly that of an old man—Ledoux followed, hitting out like a man possessed. Just—only just—Jim stayed upright until the going.

In his corner he was violently sick. For the only time in his life a towel fluttered the surrender signal from his corner. It was the end....

Just over five years later, aged 44, Jim, after a long battle with fast falling health, died. On the morning of his funeral flowers and wreaths filled every corner of the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, where he had lived. Wales, man, woman and child, mourned the passing of their hero.

There can be nobody else like him, for Jim was peerless. (COPYRIGHT)

BRITISH OLYMPIC EQUESTRIAN TEAM



The British Equestrian team which will participate in this year's Olympic Games are pictured at Windsor Forest Stud, where they have been training. Team are, from left: Colonel Harry Llewellyn on "Aherlow"; Mr Wilfred White on "Nizofella"; Miss Pat Smythe on "Flanagan"; Mr Peter Robeson on "Craven A"; Miss Dawn Palethorpe on "Earlsath Rambler"; Mrs Bryan Marshall on "Nobbler"; Major R. Dallas on "Marmion"; Miss Susan Whitehead on "Scorchin".—Express Photo.

THE DAYS OF BIG CROWDS ARE OVER...

Speedway Racing Is Running Out Of Gas

Says GEORGE WHITING

Speedway doesn't live here any more.

The days of big and enthusiastic crowds are over, the shrilling of the autograph hunters is stilled, the personallities have departed, and the corner-dust that used to rise in cash-spinning clouds has settled down into a flat and unprofitable desert. All is woe.

The tax man has cut deep, the promoters argue among themselves, a weak Speedway Control Board has wobbled at the knees, the riders have shunned healthy competition and hidden their heads in the sand of restrictive practice.

Five years ago there were 35 tracks catering for 12 million fever-heat spectators every year. Now there are 14 tracks, and if they attract 5,000,000 patrons in the season beginning this Easter they will account themselves fortunate.

SURVIVORS
Wembley and Wimbledon alone survive in London, kept alive by the promotional urging and abiding faith of, respectively, Sir Arthur Elvin and Mr Ronnie Greene. Walthamstow and New Cross saw the red light long ago. Harringay and West Ham struggled for a while, but now they, too, have run out of gas—Harringay after seeing their customers dwindle from 40,000 to 5,000 per meeting.

TENNIS
Another Aussie Wants To Return To Amateur Fold

Melbourne, Apr. 10.
Frank Sedgman, Australian professional tennis star and former Wimbledon, Australian and United States Champion, said tonight he would "wait and see" before following former Davis Cup colleague Ken McGregor in applying for reinstatement as an amateur.

"If Ken gets through I might as well be in it too," said Sedgman. But he would not apply this year since he had a "pretty big tour coming up in June" with Jack Kramer's professional group.

Sedgman and McGregor both turned professional in 1953 and it became known yesterday that McGregor had applied for reinstatement because he would like to play in district matches and compete in an occasional tournament.—Reuter.

Pakistan Hockey XI
The following players will represent Pakistan in their return hockey match against England, at Solihull tomorrow at 5.45 p.m. sharp:
M. Samy (Team manager), M. A. Wahab Jr., (Captain), T. Hussain (Vice Captain), M. Bashir, O. K. Dallah, Hanif, A. Ditta, A. Rakha, A. M. Wahab Jr., Y. Khan, G. Zehra, H. K. Ebrahim, A. Kadir, B. Gafoor, M. Omar.

Fun and fire went out of speedway racing when they started playing safe. Nobody (I hope) wants to capture crowds of sadists smacking their lips in anticipation of "death on wheels." Nevertheless, the old-time diet-truck experts were not above taking the kind of chance that excites the customer.

What an undignified mess these one-time derring-dos have got themselves into with their silly, internal squabbles. The funeral, I mean the season, started on March 30, and yet, four days before the "off," nobody knew who was riding when, where or why. Can you imagine the fate of football, or cricket, or any other sport that could not get round to telling the customers what was going on?

I hope a packed assembly had a rip-roaring time at Wimbledon recently—but I doubt if they will have tasted the excitement that used to whip up at least 100,000 start-of-the-season enthusiasts every Good Friday.

JOGGERS
Stretching every sort of point in every sort of direction, the only crowd-pulling speedway riders likely to be seen here regularly this season are Ronnie Moore, Wimbledon's ex-World Champion from New Zealand, and Gerry Hussey, who returns home from Australia to find his old employers, West Ham, gone out of business, and Leicester's young, polished-off-of-experts, Ken "Hurricane" McKinlay.

For the rest, you may write most of them off as a bunch of jiggers-along, tottling around (spare time) with little risk to their necks and even less chance of making a worth-while wage packet. Personalities are out, and the days are gone when West Ham thought it good business to buy Jack Young from Edinburgh for £3,000. Now they come in uniform job-lots.

Anything else? Yes, a gent named Woodminter, Exeter-rowski, having shown his mettle against Belle Vue in Warsaw last year, will perform for a team of Poles at Wimbledon on May 7.

Well, here's jolly good luck to Woodminter. May his cinders burn! If any wish he could have arrived a few years earlier—before they classified the spark out of British speedway, and turned the whole business into a bit of a bore.

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WORLD'S FASTEST MILER WILL MAKE TWO AMERICAN APPEARANCES

San Francisco, Apr. 10.

Australia's fabulous John Landy, world record holder for the Mile, will make two American appearances—both in California—early in May, it was announced today.

Landy, who has run the three fastest miles in history, will make a double assault on a new world record for the distance at the University of Southern California-UCLA dual meet in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on May 5 and in the West Coast Relays Open Mile at Fresno on Saturday, May 12.

He will arrive in San Francisco from Australia on May 3.

Landy, in a telephone call to San Francisco early today, agreed to accept the two invitations as his contribution towards building interest in the 1956 Olympic Games, which will be held next November in his hometown of Melbourne. The invitation was extended through the U.S.A.A.U.

Acceptance of the United States invitation was revealed this afternoon by Pete Rozelle, partner in the San Francisco public relations firm of P. K. Macker and Company.

The San Francisco firm was retained by the Victoria Promotion Committee to handle a public relations programme in the United States for the Olympic year.

EARLIER DECISION

His decision to come to the United States was a reversal of an earlier decision not to run outside Australia prior to the Olympic Games. Previously he had received bids from several countries and for several meets in the United States.

Landy, who three times has broken the four-minute mile and whose best time of 3:58.8 set at Turku, Finland, on June 21, 1954—is the existing world record, has been reluctant to extend competitive racing this season because of his rigid training schedule for the Olympic 1,500 metres in which he will be the likely favourite. However, he changed his mind after winning a mile race in 3:58.8 last Saturday in Melbourne.

Following his record breaking performance, he placed second behind England's Roger Bannister, who ran 3:55.8 to win the British Empire Games "Mile Of The Century" at Vancouver, British Columbia, a year ago last August.

After this race Landy went into retirement for 17 months but stayed in condition by galloping over the hills with

Five Countries File Entries For The Uber Cup

Philadelphia, Apr. 9.
Five countries have filed entries for the newly-formed Uber Cup, world badminton competition for women, a series of elimination matches comparable to the men's Thomas Cup won last year by Malaysia. It was announced today.

Jack Van Praag, Pasadena, California, Secretary of the American Badminton Association, said the U.S., Canada, England, Denmark and Sweden have signed up for competition to start early in 1957 with the final round to be played in England in March, 1957.

India and Malaysia also are expected to file entries, Van Praag said.

The series will consist of three zones of competition, the American, the European and the Asiatic with each country playing three singles and four doubles against an opponent drawn in a tournament. Van Praag said.—United Press.

Kowloon-Manila Schools Soccer

The following schools are each requested to send their four best players to participate in an inter-school soccer trial game at King's Park this afternoon in preparation for the forthcoming match between Kowloon Schools and a team of schoolboys from Manila: K.G.V. Foot Sun, Wah Yan (Kowloon), Queen Elizabeth School, La Salle College and S.F.K. College. Kick off will be at 4 p.m.

The Manila team is expected in the Colony later this month.

FANLING GOLF

Following are the latest results of competitions played in the Ladies' Section at Fanling:

Captain's Cup March Qualifying Round.—Mrs J.D. Clague and Mrs E.M. Wiscley tied for the Monthly Qualifier with Net 71. Mrs Clague winning the play off. L.G.U. Medal—Silver Division—March 6th—Mrs E.W. Brooks—88-12=70; March 20th—Mrs J.H. McCann—89-10=73; April 3rd—Mrs J.C. Hurden—84-10=74. Bronze Division—March 6th—Mrs A.D. Duffy—104-30=68; March 20th—Mrs J.D. Clague—94-23=71; April 3rd—Mrs H.H. Todd—90-34=62.

EASTER STABLEFORD
Mrs J. Wat was the winner of this competition with a score of 38 points, and Mrs G.W. Stubb the runner-up with 35 points. In this competition which was played on the New Course, Mrs Wat's best card was a gross 75.

HANDICAP REDUCTIONS
Mrs J.F. Shoemaker 24 to 23, Mrs L.G. King 35 to 30, Mrs T. Tada 34 to 33, Mrs W. Stoker 25 to 24, Mrs G.L. Marshall 36 to 30, Mrs M.V. Vaughan 11 to 10, Mrs E.M. Wiscley 21 to 18, Mrs A.D. Duffy 30 to 31, Mrs K.H. Black 23 to 19, Mrs C.W. Grange 30 to 32, Mrs W. Segre 36 to 30, Mrs J.D. Clague 24 to 19, Mrs G.W. Stubb 19 to 17, Mrs L.H. Robinson 10 to 9, Mrs D.K.F. Harnigan 20 to 18, Mrs R. Stagg 24 to 20, Mrs E.L. Land 34 to 33, Mrs L.F. Stokes 31 to 30, Mrs R. Main 31 to 30, Mrs R. McAdam 30 to 32, Mrs R.H. Todd 34 to 29, Mrs A.W.P. Cox 30 to 35.

HANDICAPS ACQUIRED
Mrs R.Y. Frost 30, Mrs G.E. Marden 30, Mrs W.H. Stratton 19, Mrs J.W. Brown 35, Mrs J.M. Liley 36, Mrs J.E. Noronha 36, Miss D. Handyside 30.

DEEP WATER BAY
The Deep Water Bay Season starts on Tuesday, 24th April, with a Flag competition.

U.S. To Launch A 'Baseball In Europe' Campaign

Paris, Apr. 10.
America is to launch a "baseball in Europe" campaign with the "Milwaukee Braves" playing the Brooklyn "Dodgers" as a curtain raiser in Paris this autumn. Luis Perini, manager of the "Milwaukee Braves" told newsmen here today.

Perini declared at his press conference that 80 per cent of the American baseball fans were of European parents. This gave him good hopes that the ball game would catch on in the old continent as it had done in South America and in Japan.

France, who already has a number of clubs playing baseball, belongs to the European Federation, grouping Spain, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Italy and Portugal. Spain won the 1955 European Championship, at Barcelona.—France Press.

COALLESS DRAW

London, Apr. 10.
Luton, the English First Division League soccer team, and Rample Club from Montevideo contested a goalless draw at Luton tonight.—China Mail Special.

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To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the..... Club.

(Signed).....

THE GAMBOLS



GOLDEN CHURN



Sports Diary

TODAY
 1st Division: Army v Club (Club)
 2nd Division: RAMC v Gymnastics
 3rd Division: H. Works v Lane
 4th Division: H. Works v Lane
 Exhibition game: All European v
 U.S. Shanghai-La at King's Park, 6
 p.m.
 Tennis
 School Tennis at Chinese Recreation
 Club
 Hockey: KGV 11 v
 Queen's College (King's Park) 4
 p.m.

TOMORROW

Meeting
 Hongkong Badminton Association
 Executive Committee Meeting, 5.30
 p.m.
 Soccer
 1st Division: St. Joseph's v Sing
 Tao (Club) 6 p.m.
 2nd Division: H. Works v Lane
 3rd Division: H. Works v Lane
 4th Division: H. Works v Lane
 HK Aircraft (Hampden Valley) 6 p.m.

India Wants
Brotherhood
In The ICC

New Delhi, Apr. 10.
 The Indian Cricket Board
 of Control will propose at
 the Imperial Cricket Con-
 ference in London on July
 19 that India, Pakistan and
 the West Indies be given
 equal status with other com-
 monwealth countries.

The Board's resolution says
 that as cricket is essentially a
 Commonwealth game, and since
 all cricketing nations are
 governed by the Imperial
 Cricket Conference, the in-
 equality of status for India,
 Pakistan and the West Indies,
 which have only one vote each,
 against two votes each allowed
 to England, Australia, South
 Africa and New Zealand goes
 against the principle of equality
 and brotherhood.

ON A PAR

The resolution also states
 that the Indian Board of Control
 feels that all affiliated countries
 of the Imperial Conference should
 be on a par with each other,
 having the same status and
 uniform representation.

The Board's President, Mr.
 Mahabub Khan, said the Board
 of Control has given notice of
 the resolution to the Imperial
 Cricket Conference.

A resolution that the name of
 the conference be changed from
 "Imperial" to "Commonwealth"
 has been included in this year's
 agenda.

A similar proposal by the
 Mahabub Khan last year was
 not taken up on the ground of
 insufficient notice. China Mail
 Special.

West Indies
All Out
For 392

Port of Spain, Apr. 10.
 The West Indies XI carried
 their overnight score of
 325 for seven to 392 all
 out here today when the
 unofficial Test against E. W.
 Swanton's team entered on
 the fourth of its five days.

This gave them a lead of 115
 —Swanton's XI were 101 out for
 277—but by tea time today 100
 of the arrears had been hit off
 for the loss of three wickets.

C. B. Williams and S.
 Oliver, the overnight not out
 batsmen, added 67 runs this
 morning to leave the score-
 board showing 392 for seven
 but then Frank Tyson folded up
 the innings by taking the last
 two wickets after Oakman had
 broken the eighth wicket stand,
 all three falling at the same
 total.

PROFITABLE STAND
 The first three wickets of
 Swanton's team fell quickly,
 but then Colin Cowdrey and
 Tom Graveney became asso-
 ciated in a profitable stand
 which was unbroken at tea.
 Cowdrey was particularly
 severe on Ramadhin and once
 drove him clean over the stand
 for six. In his first 30 runs
 Cowdrey hit one six and five
 fours.

THE SCOREBOARD
 Swanton's XI—Second Innings
 M. Stewart, lbw B. Sopers 14
 O. Oakman, run out 18
 G. H. Doggart, c. Kanhal,
 b. Ramadhin 12
 C. Cowdrey, not out 38
 T. Graveney, not out 24
 Extras 4
 Total (three wickets at tea) 106
 —Reuter.

HOME SOCCER
RESULTS

London, Apr. 11.
 Results of last night's As-
 sociation Football matches
 were:
 League Division II
 Hull City 1 Doncaster 1
 Scottish Division "A"
 Collic 1 Aberdeen 1
 —Reuter.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Sammy McCarthy May
Fight At Hollywood
Legion Stadium

Sammy McCarthy, former British Featherweight
 Champion and now a lightweight, is sought after in
 Hollywood, but as a boxer and not a film star.
 McCarthy's manager, Jarvis Astaire, now in
 California, cabled London last week that he had had an
 offer for McCarthy to fight Cisco Andrade at Hollywood
 Legion Stadium. He is considering the offer.

Ben Hogan, British Open Golf
 Champion in 1953, has accepted
 an invitation to represent
 America in the Canada Cup
 golf matches at Wentworth,
 Surrey on June 20 and 21. But
 Hogan will not commit himself
 about playing in the Open from
 July 2-8.

James Delaney, the former
 Scotland and Manchester United
 out-cright, is the only man
 who holds English, Scottish and
 Irish FA Cup winners' medals,
 gained with Manchester United,
 Glasgow Celtic and Derby City.
 Now, as player-manager of
 League of Ireland club Cork City,
 he is in the way to receiving
 his fourth medal. Cork have
 reached the semi-final of the
 League Cup.

ONE-DAY MATCH

Len Hutton will play against
 the Australians this summer—
 in a one-day match that opens
 their tour for the Duke of Nor-
 folk's team. Hutton will be
 joined by David Sheppard, the
 former England and Sussex
 captain who gave up cricket to
 become a minister, Alec Bedser,
 Colin Cowdrey and former Eng-
 land bowler Doug Wright.

Henry Cooper, the London
 Heavyweight, has offered an
 Heavyweight in Britain in a
 challenge for £1,000-a-side.
 Says his manager Jim Wicks:
 "It's almost impossible to get a
 British Heavyweight to fight
 Cooper, so I must try to tempt
 them with a big-money chal-
 lenge."

Manchester City, who play
 Birmingham City in the FA Cup
 Final at Wembley on May 5,
 have ordered a new set of
 maroon and white striped shirts
 for the season. Both sides had
 to make a change, and maroon
 is normally Manchester's alter-
 native colour.
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HOME RUGGER
RESULTS

London, Apr. 11
 Results of last night's Rugby
 games were:
 Rugby Union
 Redruth 3, Penarth 11.
 St Ives 6, Cardiff 27.
 Rugby League
 Doncaster 5, Huddersfield 2.
 Keighley 9, Wakefield 6.
 —Reuter.

ARMY SOCCER

The final of the Minor Units
 Knock-out Soccer Competition
 will take place this afternoon at
 the Police ground, Boundary
 Street, kick-off at 3 p.m. The
 units taking part are Command
 Workshops, REME, and 11 In-
 fantry Workshops, REME.
 At the conclusion of the match
 the trophy will be presented by
 Brigadier L. H. Gordon, Direc-
 tor of Mechanical Engineers.

RIVAL
MATCHContract Bridge
Pairs Tourney
Starts April 19

A new kind of Pairs Tourna-
 ment will be held for the first
 time in Hongkong on Thursday,
 April 19, when the Hongkong
 Contract Bridge Association
 conducts a Combination Pairs
 Tournament at the Jewish Re-
 creation Club.

Unlike the Open Pair events
 in previous years, this tourna-
 ment provides the prize win-
 ner in earlier Colony cham-
 pionships will not be permitted
 to partner one another.
 Contestants may enter either
 in pairs or as individuals. On
 the night of the tournament, a
 draw will be made to pair off
 the individual entries. Non-
 prize winners being paired with
 prize winners.

Prior to the tournament, there
 will be a reception at 5.30 p.m.
 in honour of the victorious
 Interport Team of Four which
 won the recent match with
 Manila. The tournament will
 start at 6.30 p.m.
 Entries, together with the en-
 try fee of \$10 per person
 (which includes tea), should be
 sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr.
 R. E. Inland, 303 Union Building,
 Tel. 30991.

International
Tennis First
Round Results

Naples, Apr. 10.
 In the first round of the In-
 ternational Tennis tournament
 here today:
 Althea Gibson (US) beat
 Marianna Pisanli (Italy) 6-1,
 6-0. Sonia Mitrovic (US) beat
 Perlin Sheikh (Pakistan) 6-3,
 8-6, 6-3. Daphne Seccy (Aus-
 tralia) beat Marinella Darmanin
 (Italy) 6-2, 6-2. Thelma Long
 (Australia) beat Lydia Comola
 (Italy) 6-0, 6-0.

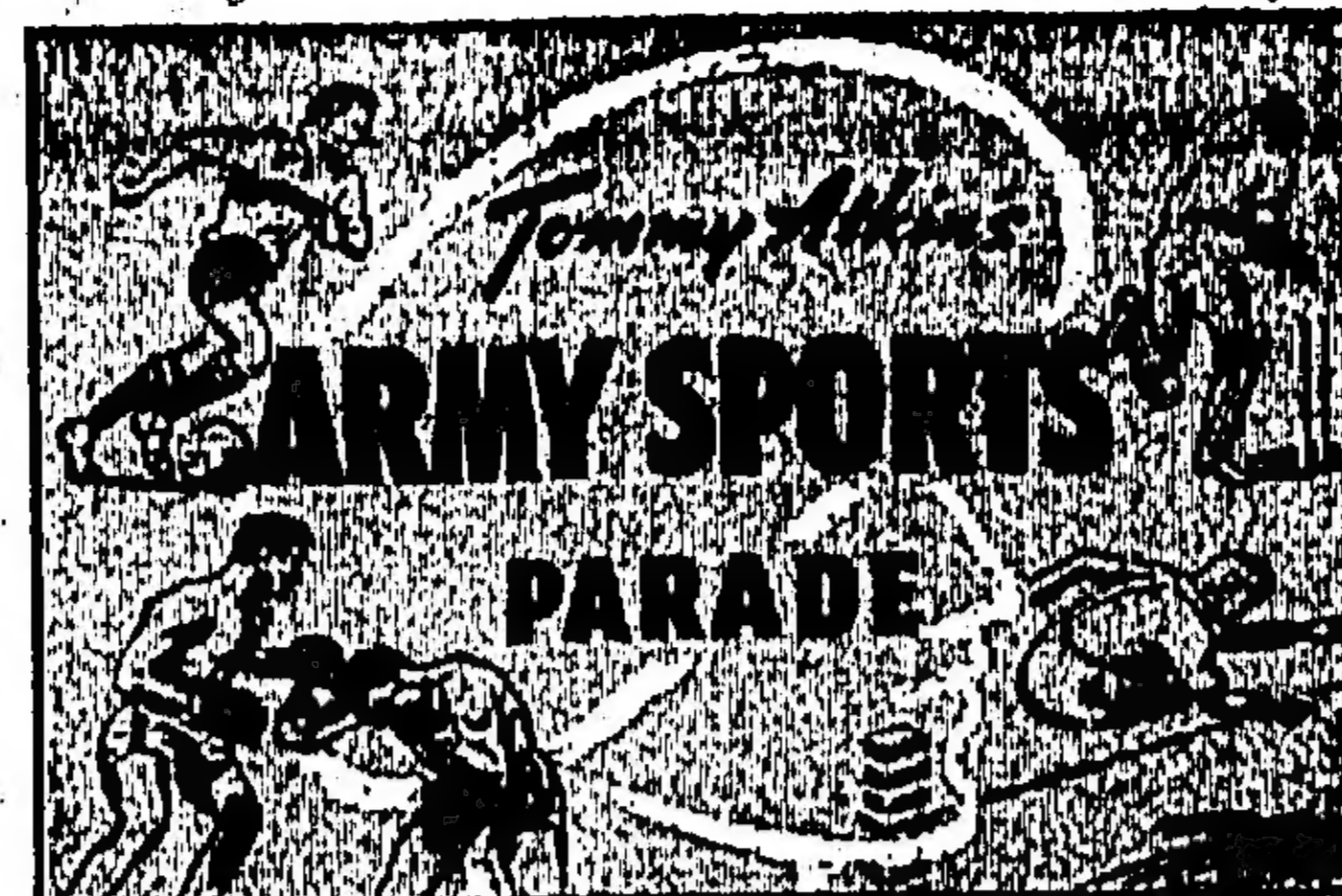
In the Men's Singles Bob
 Perry (US) beat Jack Arkinstall
 (Australia) by default and Luis
 Alaya (Chile) beat Mohammed
 Nasseem (Pakistan) 6-2, 6-0.
 —United Press.

HKFC TEAM

The following players have
 been selected to represent the
 Hongkong Football Club in their
 First Division soccer game
 against Army today at 6 p.m.
 Jones; Armstrong, Bishop;
 Douglas, Johnson, Pickering;
 Tomlinson, Manns, Pleneck,
 Gardner, Dunlop. Reserves:
 Gayne, McCall, Buchman and
 W. Miller.

Inter-School Match

In the Inter-school football
 semi-final played at King's
 Park yesterday, the St Francis
 Xavier School beat La Salle
 College by 9-8.
 SFX will now meet King
 George V School in the final to-
 morrow at 5 p.m.



In spite of the many outstanding achievements in
 the sports sphere this week, few will quibble at
 our decision to invite the husky Tug-of-War team from 33
 General Hospital to fill the Spot of Honour at the Top of
 the Sports Parade.

The Challenge Match between the Medicals and the
 men from 27 HAA Regt., Royal Artillery was one of the
 highlights of the Land Forces Individual Athletic
 Championships at Boundary Street on Saturday.

The Gunners, after losing the
 first pull, put up a tremendous
 struggle in an effort to save the
 second leg. First one team and
 then the other held the advan-
 tage and when the Royal
 Artillery boys eventually
 managed to pull the heavier-
 chieftain to within inches of their
 line, it looked very much as
 though a third and final pull
 would be necessary to decide
 the winners.

However, at the crucial
 moment Coach Tullins ordered
 his RAMC team to hold fast and
 the men responded with what
 must surely have been a last
 despairing effort but it proved
 too much for the opposition.
 The right second of the Medicals
 stood firm and although a
 desperate stand held them up
 within a foot of the line, they
 had the final satisfaction of
 seeing Colonel Leslie's hand
 shoot up indicating a meritorious
 victory by two straight pulls.

MOST COURAGEOUS

The match was a fine one and
 both teams are to be heartily
 congratulated on some of the
 most courageous pulling we
 have had the pleasure of seeing
 in a long time. This success
 of the Minor Units Champions
 over the holders of the Major
 Units title should encourage
 similar challenges—not only in
 tug-of-war but in other sports
 —in the years to come.

There is nothing like healthy
 competition to bring out the
 very best in a team... and as
 far as 1956 is concerned it is
 very much a case of... well
 done, 33 General Hospital...
 We are now coming to the
 end of the athletic season as
 far as Hongkong is concerned
 but Army sportsmen are being
 given a fine opportunity of
 making a contribution to British
 participation in the 1956
 Olympic Games at Melbourne.

Lord Burghley and Lt Gen-
 eral Sir Frederick Browning,
 the Joint Chairmen of the Bri-
 tish Olympic Appeals Com-
 mittee, have once again sub-
 mitted an appeal to the Army
 and it has been done to many
 other sections of the public, to
 commerce and to industry.

It is not generally known that
 the British Olympic Commit-
 tee has no source of income
 other than that derived from its
 General Appeal and as the esti-
 mated cost of sending the Bri-
 tish team to Australia is £75,000—about £550 for each com-
 petitor—it will be realised that
 the Committee needs all the
 help it can get.

An appeal has been made to
 units but it must be stressed
 that no donation is too small
 and if any sportsman feels that
 he would like to make a person-
 al contribution he can send it to
 The Appeals Secretary, British
 Olympic Committee, 16 Conduit
 Street, London, W.1.

An interesting newcomer has
 arrived in the Army football
 sphere in the Colony and, with
 an eye to next season, the AFA
 officials are taking an early op-
 portunity of seeing him in
 action.

Gunner Baird, of 74 LAA
 Regt RA comes from a well-
 known Scottish football family,
 and his elder brother is the
 Scottish and Glasgow Rangers
 inside-left. The newcomer
 however, is a Hearts player
 and has already had the fine
 experience of playing before a
 great crowd at Hampden Park
 when he was a member of the
 Kilsyth Rangers side which
 took part in the Scottish
 Junior Cup final a couple of
 years ago.

HIS FIRST APPEARANCE
 Baird will make his first
 appearance in Army colours
 this evening when he plays
 against the Club in a First
 Division match at the Club
 Stadium.

The news that the Army in-
 tends to enter a team in the
 Colony Tennis League has
 attracted a good lead to those
 players who feel they would like
 the chance of playing in com-
 petitive tennis and it is hoped
 that the venture will receive the
 backing and support that it
 deserves.

A trial will be staged on
 Thursday, April 18 and once
 again through the helpful co-
 operation of the USRC Com-
 mittee it will take place on the
 Club courts.

SCOTTISH SPORTS REVIEWED

At Last! Praise For
The Selectors

By JAMES ANDERSON

Scotland's soccer selectors have achieved the impossible. Everyone
 agrees with the team they have picked to play England at Hampden on
 April 14.

No surprises, but in come two new boys to make soccer history —
 Aberdeen's crack wing marksman Graham Leggat and the Charlton South African
 John Hewie at left-back.

First-cap Leggat joins club-
 mate Archie Glen to make it the
 first time ever that two Aber-
 deen players have played for
 Scotland against England.

Howie, the son of Scottish
 immigrants, is the first South
 African to get a full cap for
 Scotland.

The selectors discovered him
 when he was playing against
 Scotland! It was in the recent
 Scotland versus South African
 All-star eleven match. A charity
 game in aid of Britain's Olympic
 fund, this game was also a full
 trial for the intended Scottish
 team to play England.
 John so bottled up the Scot-
 tish right-wing that the selec-
 tors couldn't help noticing him.

OUT OF POSITION

Strange thing is that Howie
 was playing out of position. He
 is normally a wing or centre-
 half. He turned out at left-
 back because there were enough
 half backs but not enough full-
 backs.

Graham Leggat earns his
 place on his record throughout
 this season. With 20 goals he
 is the higher scoring winger in
 Scotland.

The decision to play Gordon
 Smith on the left is to be
 applauded. Normally I detect

TABLE TENNIS

GERMANY TO BE
HOST TO NEXT
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tokyo, Apr. 10.
 A meeting of the International
 Table Tennis World Congress
 announced today that Germany
 will be host to the 25th World
 Championships in 1959.

Stockholm has already been
 selected as the site for the 1957
 championships. A previous meet-
 ing of the congress agreed that
 after 1957, world championships
 would be held every two years.

Two new members, Ecuador
 and Syria, were admitted to the
 Federation today.

North Korea, Formosa and
 Malia were asked to supply de-
 tailed information as a formal
 preliminary prior to their ad-
 mittance to the Federation.
 —Reuter.

would just tell him that when
 the going is toughest and he
 suddenly gets a mysterious but
 helpful little push towards the
 tape... it will almost certainly
 be the surge of good wishes
 from the many friends he has
 made in the Colony....

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

YEAR OF INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

Britain Expects To Increase Production 1956

By John Hay

Industrial Correspondent on the staff of the Financial Times (London)

London, Apr. 10.

To meet its varied tasks of 1956 and the years ahead industry in the United Kingdom is continuing steadily to modernise its production techniques and processes. This is an essential part of the programmes worked out in so many individual industries to increase output, in order to meet the growing demands for capital and most consumer goods at home and overseas.

This year is certain to see a further growth in production of several of Britain's basic industries.

United Kingdom industrial production last year was higher than ever before, being about 5 per cent up on average as compared with 1954.

The major part of last year's improvement, as in 1954, took place in the metals, engineering, and electrical industries, which in the first half of 1955 accounted for more than two-thirds of the rise.

Chemicals, paper, plastics and rubber were responsible for most of the remainder.

Steel Production

A Record

Steel and coal are the basic materials of manufacturing industry, and output of steel last year reached a record level of almost 20,000,000 tons.

In the decade since the end of the war it has gone up by two thirds.

A substantial proportion of existing industry capacity has been completely new, and much of the remainder has been modernised.

Throughout the whole of this ten-year period the steel industry has spent on average over £1,000,000 a week on re-equipment and extensions. Current expenditure is about £20,000,000 a year.

This investment will help this year to bring 1956 production to a new peak of 21,000,000 tons.

It has often been said that Britain's prosperity is founded on coal, but in recent years the pace of industrial expansion has exceeded the ability of a dwindling labour force to bring the coal up to the surface.

Last year, coal imports into Britain were quite substantial, and will have to be again this year, as in total there was a drop of 2,000,000 tons to 222,000,000 tons in 1955 output on 1954.

Vehicles, Plastics And

Man-made Fibres

Britain's motor-car industry had its best year ever in 1955, with a vehicle coming off the production line every nine seconds of the working day—almost 1,450,000 in total.

Britain retained her lead as the world's largest exporter of cars and commercial vehicles combined, with overseas shipments last year reaching the figure of £208,000,000.

Expansion plans in hand, to cost in total over £100,000,000 have scarcely been felt as yet.

One of the most successful of the newer industries is plastics. There has been a remarkable growth in output, and if preliminary figures are confirmed, 1955 production will prove to have been double that of five years earlier.

Development of man-made fibres shows no sign of abating. Last year UK output of all man-made fibres, including rayon and nylon, reached a new peak of almost 475,000,000 pounds.

Major Units In

Confident Mood

The chemical industry is expected to continue its steady expansion as further substantial additions to capacity come into operation.

As in the case of other industries, the rate of growth

showed down in the second half of 1955, but the rise was probably overall some 7 per cent on 1954.

In export markets the chemical industry had a better record in 1955 than any other large industrial group, despite intense US and German competition, and it ranks second only to the motor vehicle group.

Aircraft production will remain high this year, with the steadily-growing order book for British newest civil aircraft likely to sustain factory activity at the present level.

Taken overall, then, British industry's major units are in confident mood that they can produce and deliver the goods, and, at the least, maintain the rate of increase recorded for 1955.

New York Sugar Market

World No. 4 sugar futures

closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 12 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 163 contracts.

World contracts stood at the close when sellers tightened up on offerings.

Domestic futures were steady in line with the higher raw situation and attendant trade covering operations in futures.

Contract No. 4 (world)

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

William Went Off On A Pleasure Trip

THE car firm that employed him did not know about William's past. They saw in him a man whose appearance did them credit and whose record as a driver was quite beyond reproach.

At 45, William, with his greying hair immaculately cut and brushed back, with his fine profile, soft voice and quiet, neat manner of dress, looked more like a civil servant than a man who had spent many months in prison.

Prison had left William unmarked outwardly and his scars within him he managed to conceal. And gradually he was building up the years between himself and his last crime.

THE MISSION

IN those five years, William had married and had settled down to leading an honest life as if he had never known any other, and it was, in a way, the success of his transformation that led to his downfall the other day.

For when his employers wanted some money collected from a branch office and William happened to be handy and idle, they looked no further than him.

"Here," they said, "take this bag, will you, and bring back the takings from the branch. You can take the van."

William drove off with the bag at his side.

IN THE BAG

THE branch manager put his takings into the bag, locked it and handed it to William. William drove off, and now the bag that lay at his side might have been filled with devils, it tempted him so. William had felt its weight, and now his brain juggled with memories of money he had handled, trying to work out how much the bag held, whether it would be worth his while to.



When John Clarke was here a week or two ago, he was asked how he felt about the fame in certain parts of the world tearing his clothing to pieces. He said that he felt it was a pretty healthy reaction and did not object at all. Recently I have been talking about this distressing habit with a friend of mine who knows show business quite well and we discovered that we share an opinion which differs very much from that of Mr. Ray.

To appreciate a singer is one thing... to tear him limb from limb is another. We found that we were both very fond of a side.

Then the police caught up with him. By then he was down to the last £21 of the stolen money.

At the Clerkenwell court, William pleaded guilty to the theft. "He said when he was arrested," a detective reported, "I'm glad to have it all cleaned up, I've been a fool."

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate, Mr. Seymour Collins, asked William.

"There's nothing I can say, I've made a fool of myself," William answered. He sighed, and added, "I've worked very hard these last five years."

BACK AGAIN

"Is that all you want to say?"

"Only I was given £8 to buy some spares the week before this, and I genuinely lost the money, and I thought this way I could get the spares. Believe me, I've had no pleasure out of this—especially when my wife saw me in the cell here."

"You seem to have spent the money on fairly luxurious things—hiring a car, buying a case like that, pleasant?"

"It's not been pleasant," William answered. "I shall send you to London Sessions for sentence," said the magistrate.

"Yes, sir," William said, and they led him away to go through the old routine, that had once known so well, but had almost forgotten, that leads to a prison cell.

BE BAD

Maybe you are one of the many people who have no time for crooners. If so I have a little bit of news for you and it is something which will add strength to your argument against this type of singer.

A certain Mr. Phil Moore, who put Dorothy Dandridge on the map as far as her singing was concerned, has a thing or two to say about vocal styles...

"Most vocal styles stem from those little faults and imperfections every singer has. The trick is to find them and then to feature them to best advantage."

So you see that a modern pop singer has only to be "different" to stand a chance of succeeding. Mr. Moore has a few more words of advice though. "Bend a note, hold it too long, fall off it, slur it, grind your teeth, sob, shout, whisper—do anything—but don't be perfect."

Now there is a wonderful state of affairs. A man who knows the business lets out of the bag a great big cat like that. Whatever a popular singer does he or she must not, it seems, be perfect. A good lesson to any of the top ranking stars of popular music will bear out what Mr. Moore says because there is one thing certain... not one of them is perfect.

ODDS AND ENDS

In the new series of "Beginners' Pleasure" from Radio Hongkong it is possible that the studio music will be provided by a group of Service musicians. They made a recording the other day and it depends on what the sound of that is like whether they appear in the programme or not.

Doris Day has another film lined up and is likely to be Frank Sinatra on us by proving that she can really act. According to what I hear Doris has that same urge to enote as strikes most entertainers at one time to another during their career.

RECORD REVIEW

"Swing Easy"—Frank Sinatra. This is by no means a new record but it is a good one. It is getting to be known to a lot of people who previously would not have bothered. A good piece of showmanship with the Sinatra style very much in evidence. Nelson Riddle and his accompaniment (Capitol-LC 6089) chestnut provide some first class.

ALLEGED STOWAWAYS

Three alleged stowaways appeared before Mr. Him-shing Lo at Central this morning, and were remanded for three days.

The defendants, Chan Hing-ling, 38, of 9 Sai Yuen Lane, first floor; Wong Shu-ching, 29, of 2 Eastern Street, third floor; and Cheng Chun-sheung, of 18 Connaught Road West, second floor.

They were said to have been found on board the s.s. Tai Seung Hong on November 13 last year in the waters of the Colony.

Fined \$500

Mak Tse-wing, 21, of 44 Upper Lascar Road, ground floor, was fined \$500 by Mr. Him-shing Lo at Central this morning when he pleaded guilty to possession of four opium pipes at his residence on April 10.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He wants to talk to Dad about me, Mom! Does our whole life have to wait till the TV blows a tube?"

Queen's Birthday Parade Rehearsal

A full rehearsal of the combined Services parade and march past in commemoration of the official birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, was held in Kowloon this morning, with Lt-General W. H. Stratton, Commander British Forces, at the saluting dais in Gascoigne Road.

The parade was under the charge of Brigadier L. N. Cholmeley. The marching column passed through Chatham Road, into Gascoigne Road, and thence into Nathan Road, watched by a large number of spectators.

Murder Trial COUNSELS' CLOSING ADDRESSES

Closing addresses by Counsel for the Crown and the Defence were given before Mr. Justice James Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the trial of Kwok Kam-chiu, 35-year-old earth cooler, charged with the murder of a pork seller.

Kwok was alleged to have stabbed Chan Ping, on the night of December 18, last year, outside a hut in the Yuen Long area, in the course of a scuffle.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector R. J. Bretherton, of New Territories.

Mr. V. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. R. Dymov, of Deacons, is defending Kwok.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Blair-Kerr referred to a legal authority and submitted that if a person, had no other way of saving his own life in a fight with another, then he may kill his assailant.

It must be a position from which the slayer could not otherwise escape, he added.

HIT OVER HEAD

Mr. Blair-Kerr said it was not the case here, unless the jury felt that Kwok had been so utterly provoked when he was hit over the head with an umbrella by the deceased that he stabbed him with a knife.

When he cross-examined the accused, Kwok had said he was not angry at the time, only scared.

Crown Counsel said if the jury felt there had been a fair fight between two men, but that the accused had dashed back into the hut to get a knife for his own advantage, then he would submit that was murder.

If the jury felt that the blow from the umbrella, coupled with the surrounding circumstances—legitimate fear of retaliation by Chan Ping's friends—was sufficient to make the accused so angry that he totally lost control of his mind at the moment, then they were entitled to find him guilty of manslaughter.

Mr. Blair-Kerr submitted, however, that answering an umbrella attack with that of a knife was going "too far". He submitted that in the circumstances the jury should find the accused guilty of either murder or manslaughter.

FLY PAST

Third, a fly past by the Royal Air Force and the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force, Fourth, a Royal Salute by ships of the Royal Navy and by the Royal Artillery, from Signal Hill at noon.

At 10 a.m. His Excellency the Governor will arrive at the saluting dais in Gascoigne Road where he will be received by His Excellency the Commander, British Forces, Hong Kong, and Commanders of the three Services, Royal Navy, Army and Air Force. The Parade will form up in Chatham Road, and as they reach the saluting base each unit will march past to its own Regimental March.

Bank Of Communications Fails In Application

Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Acting Senior Puisne Judge, in a judgment delivered in the Supreme Court this morning, dismissed with costs an application by the Bank of Communications, of Prince's Building, to set aside a writ on the ground that the Court had no jurisdiction to entertain the action because it impinged on the sovereign state of China.

His Lordship said: "It has never been laid down as an absolute rule of law that, under no circumstances may a foreign sovereign state be implicated; and, having regard to the judgments in the 'Cristina' case, there is, in my opinion, strong ground for holding that, in cases like the present, evidence of dedication to public uses must be adduced. In this case there is no such evidence; and on this ground, I dismiss the present application."

PLAINTIFFS WERE THE MIDLAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD. of Room 601, Pedder Building. They were represented by Mr. John McNeill, QC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, both instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vane of Deacons.

Mr. Percy Chen, Mr. Brook Bernacchi and Mr. Terence Shurlock, all instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan, of Ford, Kwan and Company, appeared for the defendants, the Bank of Communications.

Plaintiffs' claim was for delivery of scrip relating to 1,643 shares of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., which they claimed as their property, or damages in lieu thereof.

Defendants filed a preliminary notice of motion, asking for an order that the writ be set aside on the ground that the Court had no jurisdiction to entertain the action because it impinged on the sovereign state of China, and for an order that the share scrip be returned to the defendants.

THE JUDGMENT

The judgment said in part: In this case the claim, on the writ, is for the delivery of scrip, or certain enumerated scrip, in the possession of the defendants, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., the property of the plaintiffs or damages in lieu thereof. It is a declaration that the scrip is the property of the plaintiffs and that they have a right to the recovery thereof, costs and further or other relief.

The writ was issued and served on the defendants, the Bank of Communications Ltd., on September 1, 1955, and the writ was returned on the ground that there was grave danger that the scrip would be lost or destroyed, and that the plaintiffs applied ex parte and obtained the writ without notice to the defendants.

The defendants entered an appearance on September 8, 1955, and a statement of claim was filed on the part of the plaintiffs on November 1, 1955. In this statement of claim (i) the plaintiffs claimed (1) the return of the share scrip, (2) the return of the share certificates, (3) the return of the share certificates, (4) the return of the share certificates, (5) the return of the share certificates, (6) the return of the share certificates, (7) the return of the share certificates, (8) the return of the share certificates, (9) the return of the share certificates, (10) the return of the share certificates, (11) the return of the share certificates, (12) the return of the share certificates, (13) the return of the share certificates, (14) the return of the share certificates, (15) the return of the share certificates, (16) the return of the share certificates, (17) the return of the share certificates, (18) the return of the share certificates, (19) the return of the share certificates, (20) the return of the share certificates, (21) the return of the share certificates, (22) the return of the share certificates, (23) the return 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